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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 10, 2006, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time for response, a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 with the fee set forth in § 1.17(e), and an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Applicants believe that no other petition or fee is required at this time. Nevertheless, please charge any additional required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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